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
In re Application of:  
MAUFER et al.

Serial No.: 10/603,416

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For: NETWORK PROTOCOL  
PROCESSING FOR  
FILTERING PACKETS

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Group Art Unit: ~~2135~~  10603416 - GAU: 2439  
Confirmation No.: 3444  
Examiner: Jenise E. Jackson

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 19, 2009, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/NVDA/P000802/JCC for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.